

A BILL

To amend sections 223(b), 313(d), 316(c), 317, and 319(b) of
the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
That the proviso to section 223(b) of the Immigration and
Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1203(b)) is amended to read as
follows: "Provided, That the Attorney General may in his
discretion extend the validity of the permit for a period or
periods not exceeding three years in the aggregate: Provided
further, That the Attorney General may in his discretion extend,
for such period or periods as he shall deem appropriate, the
validity of the permit of (1) a spouse or child of a member of
the armed services of the United States stationed abroad
pursuant to official orders or (2) an officer or employee of
the United States Government assigned abroad and the spouse
and children of such officer or employee following or accom-
panying him. The permit shall be in such form as shall be by
regulations prescribed for the complete identification of the
alien."

SEC. 2. Subsection (d) of section 313 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1424) is amended by changing the period at the end of the subsection to a comma and inserting the following: "or if the Attorney General certifies that naturalization of such person is in the interest of the United States."

SEC. 3. Subsection (c) of section 316 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1427 (a)) is amended by deleting the period at the end of the first sentence and substituting a comma, deleting the second sentence, and inserting the following: "and in such case the requirement in subsection (b) of an uninterrupted period of at least one year of physical presence in the United States may be complied with at any time prior to filing a petition for naturalization."

SEC. 4. (a) The section heading of section 317 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1428) is amended to read as follows: "**TEMPORARY ABSENCE OF PERSONS PERFORMING RELIGIOUS DUTIES OR EMPLOYED BY CERTAIN ELEMOSYNARY OR EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS.**"

(b) Section 317 is amended by inserting "(a)" immediately after "SEC. 317." and by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(b) Any person who (1) is employed by a bona fide American educational, scientific, philanthropic or other non-profit organization advancing United States interests abroad, and is regularly stationed abroad in such employment at the time of filing a petition for naturalization, (2) has been so employed continuously for a period in excess of five years immediately preceding such filing, *has been lawfully admitted to U.S. for permanent residence* (3) is in the United States at the time of naturalization, and (4) declares before the naturalization court in good faith an intention to take up residence within the United States immediately upon the termination of such employment, may be naturalized upon compliance with all the requirements of this Act, except that (A) no prior residence or specified period of physical presence within the United States or within the jurisdiction of the court or proof thereof shall be required, and (B) the petition for naturalization may be filed in any court having naturalization jurisdiction."

(c) Section 319(b) is amended by inserting the following words immediately after the words "within the United States" in phrase (1) (B): "or is employed by a bona fide American educational, scientific, philanthropic or other non-profit organization advancing United States interests abroad,".